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AND LIGHTING APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH THE DEVICE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 9, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 9, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the amendments to the specification, claims and drawings and the herein contained remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this Response.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached to this paper.